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2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)	Total Pages <u>33</u>	6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)	The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.	12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copy of Japanese priority document No. P2000-284260 filed September 19, 2000.

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 91 claims (6 independent), 33 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1A-39) and the filing fee of \$2,228.00 on behalf of

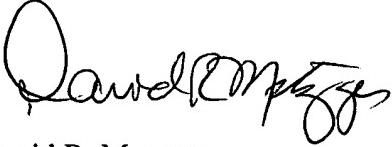
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Drawings (33 sheets - Figs. 1A-39)

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